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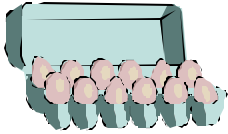
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were sharply lower in Chicago, unchanged in New York, and irregular but usually unchanged to lower or trending lower for next week in most of the other major terminal markets. The market tone was unsettled to weak. Demand remained light to moderate, mostly light with traders continuing to access further market developments. Offerings were sufficient for full trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular suppliers. However, trading was limited. Light type fowl were sufficient for next week's irregular processing schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Boston, prices were unchanged to 5 cents lower on all sizes. In Philadelphia and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was unsettled and ranged from barely steady to weak. Demand was light to fair, mostly light. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were at least sufficient for the light demand. Light type hens were sufficient for next week.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady and remained unsettled. Demand was light to moderate, mostly light. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to available.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were 15 cents lower for extra large, large, and medium and were unchanged for small. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was mixed, light to fair and aided by winter weather and scattered feature activity. Food service movement was slow to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to at times available for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were sharply lower compared to Tuesday's reported prices. Most breakers were only purchasing product to fill immediate needs. Floor stocks were in balance to about adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

**CHICAGO** Prices were 5 cents lower for all sizes. The trade sentiment steady to weak. Retail and food service demand mixed and was in a full range. Supplies adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was unsettled to barely steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower than current week values. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were irregular but usually adequate or available. Breaking stock offerings increased in availability, but breakers were usually reluctant to purchase any product outside of regular commitments. Light type fowl were sufficient for next week's irregular processing schedules.

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. The market tone was very weak with asking prices for next week 15 cents lower on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand light to only fair, best to cover scattered planned features. Offerings ample.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	101-118	94-111	66-83
New York	68-70	65-68	56-59
Philadelphia	66-83	64-81	55-71

### SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	65-66
Jackson (1)	86-87	83-84	74-75
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	85-98	82-96	67-81

### MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	73-78	72-77	62-67
Detroit (2)	57-60	56-59	49-52
Major Ohio Cities (2)	54.5-62	53-60	46-54
Major Wisconsin Cities	61-68	59-66	53-60

### WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	78-80	74-77	63-65
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	81-93	80-87	74-80
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	97	90	84

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices  
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was very weak with asking prices for next week 15 cents lower on all sizes. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 74. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 119, extra large dozen 109, large dozen 99.

### CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	111
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	94

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	111-121
EXTRA LARGE	95-107
LARGE	94-101
MEDIUM	84-90

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Nest run prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades lower. Breakers were working hand to mouth with regular commitments usually satisfying current needs. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules mixed for next week. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	30-34	30-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-20	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were sharply lower on limited trading when compared to early week values. Demand was light as buyers were cautious and usually only purchasing from regular suppliers. Offerings were at least sufficient for full trade needs. The undertone was weak to barely steady with most traders closely watching further market developments. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending February 12, 2000 were 5% less than last week, and 1% less than the same week a year ago. Plant schedules for next week were irregular due in part to the holiday.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	28-33	29-31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-20	
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 12-Feb-00  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,050,275	23,585	10,553	5,812	3,385	3,536
PW	1,085,807	24,328	11,114	6,203	3,372	3,708
LY	1,025,676	23,106	9,996	5,851	2,689	3,222
% PW	-3	-3	-5	-6	0	-5
% LY	2	2	6	-1	26	10
2000	6,729,660	151,487	67,544	37,512	19,311	22,573
1999	6,170,583	138,458	60,694	34,506	15,843	
	19,504					

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.40	41.77	41.12

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS** Pasteurized whites reported at 35 cents fob with no pasteurized salt yolk reported. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whites generally steady for whole egg and steady to barely steady for yolk. Offerings of whole egg were adequate with demand fair. White offerings were tight to adequate with good demand and yolk offerings were available with very sluggish interest. Breaking stock supplies were balanced to adequate.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 18 February, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG. LAST WEEK	CHANGE FROM WHOLE	CLASS
23-37.5	30.75	-5.23	WHITES 12	33-
34.5	33.75	1.11	YOLKS 11	30-
34.5	32.95	-8.0		

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged on whites, unchanged to lower on whole, and lower on yolks when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light. However, demand was reported as best on whites, moderate on whole, and light on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending February 05, 2000 were 9% less than last week, and 2% more than a year ago. Shell eggs supplies were adequate to ample for trade needs.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	39-49	44-48	48-57
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-61
WHITES	41-45	42-44	45-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-50	46-49	51-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	43-47	43-46	50-67
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Prices were irregular when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady for whites with whole egg steady to cautiously steady and yolk generally barely steady. Offerings were adequate as buyers stepped away from the market in anticipation of market changes. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	40-48	44-46
WHITES	43-45	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-48	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	42-47	43-46

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 5 cents lower on whole, 1 cent higher on whites, and unchanged on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 2/12 was 5% less than the previous week. Breaking stock ample. Frozen demand light with freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT  
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	49-52
WHITES	47-50
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-55
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-52

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Mostly prices on yolks and blends were unchanged, balanced unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair as traders watch further market developments. Offerings were adequate for the current but limited demand. The undertone was mixed with most traders cautious. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending February 12, 2000 were unchanged from the previous week, and 26 % more than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

	WHOLE	YOLKS	ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)
	1.50-1.75	1.20-1.30	3.05-3.40	1.20-1.30
	MOSTLY 1.55-1.60	MOSTLY 1.20-1.25	MOSTLY 3.10-3.25	MOSTLY 1.25-1.30

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 11 - FEB 17, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
SE				NE				MW				SC			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	57.50	64.60	36.00	GNR W 1	58.50	55.17	10.00	GNR W 1	58.50	55.17	10.00	GNR W 1	58.50	55.17	10.00
GNR W 2	—	—	9.00	GNR W 2	—	37.00	3.00	GNR W 2	—	37.00	3.00	GNR W 2	—	37.00	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	4.00	GNR W 3	—	—	3.00	GNR W 3	—	—	3.00	GNR W 3	—	—	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	1.00	GNR W 4	—	—	1.00	GNR W 4	—	—	1.00	GNR W 4	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	62.00	8.50	GL W XL	—	62.00	8.50	GL W XL	—	62.00	8.50	GL W XL	—	62.00	8.50
GL W LG	55.50	59.00	20.75	GL W LG	55.50	59.00	20.75	GL W LG	55.50	59.00	20.75	GL W LG	55.50	59.00	20.75
GL W MD	—	—	10.75	GL W MD	—	—	10.75	GL W MD	—	—	10.75	GL W MD	—	—	10.75
GL W SM	—	—	5.75	GL W SM	—	—	5.75	GL W SM	—	—	5.75	GL W SM	—	—	5.75
GL BR XL	—	—	1.00	GL BR XL	—	—	1.00	GL BR XL	—	—	1.00	GL BR XL	—	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	1.50	GL BR LG	—	—	1.50	GL BR LG	—	—	1.50	GL BR LG	—	—	1.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	33.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	33.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	33.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	33.50
NRBS - 45	—	42.00	12.00	NRBS - 45	—	42.00	12.00	NRBS - 45	—	42.00	12.00	NRBS - 45	—	42.00	12.00
NRBS - 42	—	40.00	2.00	NRBS - 42	—	40.00	2.00	NRBS - 42	—	40.00	2.00	NRBS - 42	—	40.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 36	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 36	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 36	—	—	2.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.

THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for slightly reduced but adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal for next week. Undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices remain unchanged. Demand was usually light to instances moderate with offerings continuing mostly adequate to burdensome for current processor needs. Alternative forms of disposal were prevalent at this time. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings irregular.

**LIVE HENS**

Prices paid for live hens (trucklot) cents/pounds at farm.

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-5 (2)	0
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT		

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Feb-00  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A  
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED  
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	75.50	73.13	64.04
SOUTHERN	82.90	80.77	71.89
MIDWEST	71.88	70.64	60.27
WESTERN	97.82	91.51	72.64
TWELVE METRO AREAS	83.39	79.86	66.79

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED  
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Prices were unchanged on light canners, but unchanged to slightly higher on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally good for about adequate offerings of heavy canners, and only moderate interest for adequate offerings of lights. The undertone was fully steady on heavy canners and steady on lights.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

26-27 MAJORITY

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(WITHOUT NECKS)

34-40 MAJORITY 38-39

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

26-30 MAJORITY 26-28

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(WITHOUT NECKS)

35.25-41 MAJORITY 39.5-40

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 12-FEB-00

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	1,976	1,362	3,338
LAST WEEK	1,998	1,244	3,242
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,258	1,236	3,494
TO-DATE/2000	12,243	7,966	20,209
TO-DATE/1999	13,500	7,930	21,430

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	633	22	655
LAST WEEK	639	5	644
SAME WEEK YR AGO	502	17	519
TO-DATE/2000	3,439	27	3,466
TO-DATE/1999	3,047	51	3,098

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	2,609	1,384	3,993
LAST WEEK	2,637	1,249	3,886
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,760	1,253	4,013
TO-DATE/2000	15,682	7,993	23,675
TO-DATE/1999	16,547	7,981	24,528

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending February 5,2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	39	97	618	1,147
Frozen	0	0	0	6
Dried	0	0	18	0
Total	39	97	636	1,153

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending February 5,2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	47	105	448	405
Frozen	5	5	16	56
Dried	40	0	161	0
Total	92	110	625	461

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending February 5,2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	0	0	13	0
Extra Large	750	0	1,853	1,050
Large	800	800	10,780	6,084
Medium	375	0	735	300
Ungraded	780	3,060	6,180	33,479
Misc	0	0	750	0
Total	2,705	3,860	20,311	40,913

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**DETROIT** PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
78-81	69-75	67-72	56-61	25-29

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
38-40	29-31	15-17

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 14-Feb-00	5,095	101,900	78,279
AM 1-Feb-00	4,916	94,257	72,756
CHG	179	7643	5523
PCT CHG	4	8	8

**Monthly Cold Storage Report**

(In Units of 1,000)

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Dec 31 1998	Dec 31 1999	Jan 31 1999	Jan 31 2000
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**FROZEN EGGS:**

Whites	1,247	501	1,174	571
Yolks	1,028	722	658	752
Whole & Mixed	8,107	8,085	8,469	10,186
Unclassified	652	763	746	561
Total Frozen Eggs	11,034	10,071	11,047	12,070

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 12-Feb-00**SELECTED**

CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.1	32.6	-20	-11
BOSTON	3.5	3.8	-8	-55
CHICAGO	40.1	56.8	-29	-41
DETROIT	25.1	37.3	-33	-21
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	92.8	95.8	-3	8
NEW ORLEANS	11.4	11.0	4	-21
NEW YORK	41.7	45.2	-8	-8
ST. LOUIS	12.8	16.7	-23	-26
SAN FRANCISCO	21.1	21.7	-3	-1
TOTAL	274.7	321.0	-14	-15
4 WK MVG AVG	294.3			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** W/E 12-Feb-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	243.1	5	4
E.N. CENTRAL	483.1	-2	10
W.N. CENTRAL	243.4	0	1
S. ATLANTIC	192.0	1	-2
S. CENTRAL	70.9	2	-9
WEST	194.6	0	-11
TOTAL	1427.1	0	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING	93	93	

**NEW ENGLAND** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
107-110	82-85	75-78	47-50	16-19

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, FEBRUARY 15, 2000.**

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS  
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	130	123	95	49
	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	121-125	114-118	86-90	42-46
	123-124	116-117	88-89	44-45
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	126-130	119-123	91-95	45-49
	126	119	91	45
VERMONT MOSTLY	130-133	125-126	89-98	-
	133	126	98	-

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